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SUBJ: NYERERE'S JULY 15 PRESS CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA, US VISIT

SUMMARY: PRINCIPLE POINT OF NYERERE'S JULY 15 PRESS
CONFERENCE WERE: SMITH MUST GO AND WITH HIM HIS ARMY, WHICH
WOULD BE REPLACED WITH ARMY OF LIBERATION; HE HAD NO DOUBT
ABOUT THE GENUINENESS AND SENSE OF URGENCY IN WASHINGTON'S
VIEW OF RHODESIA; HE WAS CONFUSED BY THE ABSENCE OF A
SENSE OF URGENCY IN LONDON. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT NYERERE GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 15 ON
HIS VISIT TO US, STOPOVER IN LONDON, AND HIS VIEWS ON A
RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. IN OPENING STATEMENT HE SAID
BUSINESS OF US VISIT WAS SOUTHERN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY
RHODESIA. HIS PRIPOSE WAS TO OBTAIN AMERICAN
UNDERSTANDING AND TO SEE IF AMERICAN PRESSURE COULD
BE USED TO HELP REACH A SOLUTION.

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2. AS LATE AS 1976 IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR SMITH'S
POWER STRUCTURE TO REMAIN AS PART OF A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT. SOME ELEMENTS OF SMITH'S ARMY COULD HAVE
BEEN INCORPORATED NOW IT WAS CLEAR THAT NOT ONLY SMITH
HAD TO GO BUT HIS ARMY AS WELL. THE NEW ARMY WOULD BE
THE ARMY OF FIGHTING SMITH. THIS WAS DEFINED AT THE JUNE

1977 COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT (PARA 14 OF LONDON COMMUNIQUE).
ELECTIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE TRANSFER OF POWER.

3. NYERERE SAID HE FOUND PRESIDENT CARTER GENUINE IN HIS DESIRE TO SEE THAT MAJORITY RULE IS ACHIEVED IN SOUTH AFRICA (SIC). NYERERE HAD NO DOUBT AMERICA'S SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THE PROBLEM. HE FOUND THE AMERICANS WILLING TO THROW THEIR WEIGHT BEHIND THE BRITISH TO ENABLE A SOLUTION TO BE ACHIEVED. HE LEFT LONDON, HOWEVER, A "LITTLE CONFUSED". HE DID NOT FIND THERE THE SAME SENSE OF URGENCY. HE WAS TRYING TO GET CLARIFICATION FROM LONDON ON HOW ACCEPTABLE OBJECTIVES WOULD BE ACHIEVED. WHEN HE LEFT WASHINGTON HE THOUGHT THE WAY AHEAD WAS VERY CLEAR. THIS WAS NOT THE CASE WHEN HE LEFT LONDON. HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH CONFIRMED WASHINGTON'S POSITION. NYERERE BELIEVE THE AMERICANS COULD ONLY WORK THROUGH THE BRITISH. HE THEREFORE NEEDED TO BE SURE THE BRITISH HAD THE SAME SENSE OF URGENCY AND UNDERSTANDING.

4. NYERERE REVIEWED MAIN POINTS DURING QUESTION. HE SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET US POWER BEHIND THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE TO SHORTEN THE WAR. "THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS EXERCISE IS TO PUT POWER BEHIND THE BRITISH." HE WAS "COLLECTING PRESSURES," AND IMPLIED SOVIET "PRESSURE" HAD BEEN COLLECTED IN FORM OF ARMS FOR LIBERATION MOVE-
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MENTS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE US WOULD BE HELPING TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT.

5. NYERERE SAID HE WOULD BE BRIEFING HIS COLLEAGUES ON HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON BUT SAID THEY COULD BE BRIEFED WITHOUT CALLING A MEETING.
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